

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed November 14, 2006 and offers the following remarks to accompany the above amendments. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 4-10, 14, 18-24, 28, and 32-38 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 4. Claims 2 and 11-13 depend directly or indirectly on amended claim 1.

Applicant has cancelled claims 3 and 4, and amended claim 5 to depend on amended claim 1.

Applicant has amended claim 14 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 4.

Applicant has amended claim 15 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 18. Claims 16 and 25-28 depend directly or indirectly on amended claim 15.

Applicant has cancelled claims 17 and 18, and amended claim 19 to depend on amended claim 15.

Applicant has amended claim 29 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 32. Claims 30 and 39 depend directly or indirectly on amended claim 29.

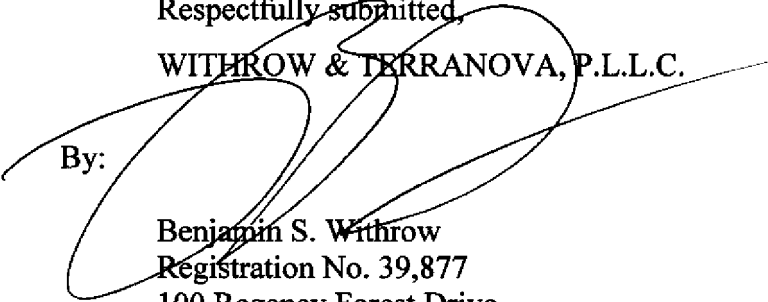
Applicant has cancelled claims 31 and 32, and amended claim 33 to depend on amended claim 29.

The present application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's representative regarding any remaining issues in an effort to expedite allowance and issuance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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